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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT-NUMBERED PARA 1)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENG, EIND, SF, BEXD

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT SOUTH AFRICAN COAL LIQUIFICATION PLANT

REF: (A) JOHANNESBURG 1316 (12/6/74)

(B) PRETORIA 5237

(C) JOHANNESBURG 354

1. PRESS APRIL 14 REPORTS "MASSIVE EXPLOSION" AT SASOL
OIL/FROM-COAL PLANT IN SASOLBURG, SASOL SPOKESMAN QUOTED
AS SAYING EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN GAS PURIFICATION PLANT.
CASUALTIES UNKNOWN AS PLACE IS "AN INFERNO" AND FIREMEN
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CAN'T GET CLOSE.

2. COMMENT. EXPLOSION COMES ONLY FOUR MONTHS AFTER DECISION
TO BUILD SECOND AND MUCH LARGER PLANT (REFB). EFFECT OF
EXPLOSION ON PLANS FOR NEW PLANT OF COURSE AS YET UNKNOWN.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE ALSO PASS EPA.
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Message Attributes

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